(c) No separate agreement has been signed for this, as this comes under the broad framework of HTCG.

(d) Issue of implementation of the report will arise only after the report is received from the Indo-US working group in biotechnology.

Transfer of bio-diesel technology for women SHGs

†3913. SHRI LAXMINARAYAN SHARMA: Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Madhya Pradesh Government *vide* letter No. 989/CST/JDA/04 dated 5th July, 2004 have requested for transfer of technology for production of Bio-diesel from Jatropha so that Women Self-Help Groups (SHGs) might get employment;

(b) by when Government would transfer this technology; and

(c) the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (SHRI KAPIL SIBAL): (a) to (c) A proposal entitled "Employment Generation of Women Self-Help Groups (SHGs) by transferring technology on bio-diesel production from Jatropha *(jatropha curcus)*" was received from M.P. Council of Science and Technology, Bhopal. The proposal was considered by the Expert Committee and it was not found suitable as the proposal did not disclose the extent of production and availability of Jatropha in the area in order to make a proper assessment of the proposal.

Loans to drug companies for research and development work

†3914. SHRI UDAY PRATAP SINGH: Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have provided loans to some drug companies for research and development work pertaining to medicines;

(b) if so, the names of such companies and the details of amount of loans; and

(c) the terms of repayment of these loans and the companies which are unwilling to repay these loans?

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

THE MINISTER OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (SHRI KAPIL SIBAL): (a) and (b) Yes Sir, Government have been providing loans to Drugs and Pharmaceutical companies for research and development work pertaining to medicines. The names of such companies and the amount of loan provided to these companies are given below:

Sl.No.	Industry Name	Disbursed Loan Amount (Rs. in lakhs)
1	2	3
1.	Dalmia Centre for Research Development, Coimbatore	40.00
2.	Dabur Research Foundation (DRF), Ghaziabad	325.00
3.	Promed Exports Pvt. Ltd., New Delhi	400.00
4.	Biological E. Ltd., Hyderabad	475.00
5.	INTAS Pharmaceuticals Ltd., Ahmedabad	200.00
6.	AVRA Synthesis Pvt. Ltd., Hyderabad	100.00
7.	ABL Biotechnologies Ltd., Chennai	200.00
8.	Microtest Innovations Pvt. Ltd., Bangalore	90.00
9.	Virchow Biotech Pvt. Ltd., Hyderabad	150.00
10.	Bharat Serums and Vaccines Ltd., Mumbai	707.00
11.	Sudershan Biotech Ltd., Hyderabad	118.00
12.	Cadila Pharmaceuticals Ltd., Ahmedabad	100.00
13.	Natural Remedies Pvt. Ltd., Bangalore	101.00
14.	Tulsi Ayurvedic Products & Research Pvt. Ltd., Bhagohi	135.00
15.	Biological E. Ltd., Hyderabad	576.00
16.	Rumi Herbals Pvt. Ltd., Chennai	33.00
17.	Biomix Network Ltd., Mumbai	1000.00
18.	Bharat Serums and Vaccines Ltd., Mumbai	341.00
19.	Shantha Biotechnics Ltd., Hyderabad	139.00
20.	Bharat Biotech International Ltd. (BBIL), Hyderabad	750.00

1	2	3
21.	Institute of Molecular Medicine, Kolkata	350.00
22.	Indigene Pharmaceuticals Pvt. Ltd., Hyderabad	1000.00
23.	Lupin Limited, Mumbai	1016.00
24.	Bharat Biotech India Ltd., Hyderabad	560.62
25.	Alembic Ltd., Vadodara	28.50
26.	Lupin Ltd., Mumbai	644.96
27.	Lensel Optics Pvt. Ltd., Pune	14.75
28.	Xcyton Diagnostic, Bangalore	69.56

(c) As per the terms and conditions of the loan, the repayment will commence after the project period and the total amount including the interest will be recovered in 10 annual instalments. The loan carries a simple interest of 3% per annum. Since these projects are on going, repayment of loan has not begun. However, no company has shown any unwillingness to repay the loan.

Scheme of weighted average deduction

3915. SHRI UDAY PRATAP SINGH: Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are planning to scrap the Scheme of weighted average deduction of 150 per cent under Section 35(2AB) of the Income Tax Act for R&D in Pharma Industry;

(b) if so, whether CAG report had indicate Pharma companies for fraudulent claims under the above scheme; and

(c) if so the names of these companies?

THE MINISTER OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (SHRI KAPIL SIBAL): (a) The scheme of weighted deduction of 150 per cent under section 35(2AB) of the Income Tax Act, for R&D in industry (including pharma industry) is available only up to 31st March, 2007. However, the Government had constituted a committee last year to look into the existing incentives/deductions relating to scientific research under the Income